THE ENVOY

I HEAR new news every day, and those ordinary rumours
of war, plagues, fires, inundations, thefts, murders,
massacres, meteors, comets, spectrums, prodigies,
apparitions, of towns taken, cities besieged in *Fiance,*
Get many, Turkey, Pema, Poland, &c daily musters
and preparations, and such like, which these tempes-
tuous times afford, battles fought, so many men slain,
rnonomachies, shipwrecks, piracies, and sea-fights,
peace, leagues, stratagems, and fresh alarms A vast
confusion of vows, wishes, actions, edicts, petitions,
lawsuits, pleas, laws, proclamations, complaints, griev-
ances, are daily brought to our ears New books
every day, pamphlets, currantoes, stones, whole cata-
logues of volumes of all sorts, new paradoxes, opinions,
schisms, heresies, controversies in philosophy, religion,
&c Now come tidings of weddings, maskmgs, mum-
meries, entertainments, jubilees, embassies, tilts and
tournaments, trophies, triumphs, revels, sports, plays:
then again, as in a new shifted scene, treasons, cheating
tricks, robberies, enormous villames in all kinds,
funerals, burials, deaths of Princes, new discovenes,
expeditions, now comical then tragical matters.
To-day we hear of new Lords and officers created,
to-morrow of some great men deposed, and

then again
of fresh honours conferred, one is let loose, another
imprisoned, one purchaseth, another breaketh; he
thrives, his neighbour turns bankrupt j now plenty,
then again dearth and famine, one runs, another rides,
wrangles, laughs, weeps, &c Thus I daily hear, and
such like, both private and publick news.

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